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SUBJECT: UNCTAD: COMMODITIES MEETINGS

1. UK CONTACT (BARRAS) HAS BRIEFED US ON DISCUSSION HE HAD WITH DIRECTOR, UNCTAD COMMODITIES DIVISION, CHIDZERO, REGARDING COMMODITY ISSUES. SECRETARIAT HAS NOT REPLIED TO BOSWORTH LETTER BECAUSE AT FIRST THEY THOUGHT IT WAS ONLY FOR THE RECORD. AFTER INQUIRIES FROM US ABOUT A REPLY, SECRETARIAT IS NOW BEGINNING TO ADDRESS THAT QUESTION. REPLY COULD BE BASED ON THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS: CHIDZERO IS PROPOSING TO COREA THAT IN THE DOCUMENT ON THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE TO COORDINATE COMMODITIES, HE MENTION POINTS MADE BY THE U.S. AND OTHERS ON THE ROLE OF THE COMMITTEE. UNCTAD'S DEALINGS WITH FAO HAVE BEEN VERY CORRECT. IF AN FAO MEETING HAS BEEN SCHEDULED ON A COMMODITY, UNCTAD WILL NOT HOLD DISCUSSIONS ON THAT COMMODITY BEFOREHAND, E.G., JUTE AND TEA. NINETY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE MATERIAL IN THE PAPER ON HARD FIBERS WILL COME FROM FAO.

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2. ON COPPER, CHIDZERO CLAIMED COUNTRIES LIKE CHILE,

PERU, ZAMBIA, AND PHILIPPINES ARE CONVINCED THAT IF THEY AGREE TO A COPPER BODY ALONG LINES ENVISIONED BY U.S., IT WILL ONLY BE A TALK SHOP. CHIDZERO CONTENDED THAT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES NEED SOME KIND OF AGREEMENT ON COPPER EVEN IF THERE IS NOT MUCH SUBSTANCE IN IT. HE DREW ANALOGIES WITH THE COCOA AGREEMENT. IF THERE WERE SOME TYPE OF AGREEMENT, THEN COPPER CAN BECOME MUCH MORE INDEPENDENT; OTHERWISE, IT WILL CONTINUE TO REMAIN IN THE UNCTAD FORUM. CHIDZERO NOTED THAT HE HAS SENT A DRAFT AGREEMENT PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL WROUGHT COPPER COUNCIL AND POINTED TO IT AS THE TYPE OF AGREEMENT WITH NOT MUCH SUBSTANCE IN IT. CATTO

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